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A.—(a), (b), (c), (e) & (f) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (a), (b), (d) and (c) of question No. 385.

12-15 p.m. (d) Eleven years and one month.
(g) The Government are not in possession of full information.
(h) The Syndicate of the Madras University.
(i) The work of the Lexicon staff is supervised by a committee appointed by the Syndicate.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask for the qualifications of the members of the Committee supervising the Lexicon staff referred to in my question sub-clause (1) ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ The Committee is appointed by the Syndicate and the Government are not in possession of information.”

Agriculture.

Principal, Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

387 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the appointment of the Principal of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, is made according to strict seniority among officers of the Imperial Agricultural Service, and, if so, whether that principle was observed in the past in appointments of Principal of the College ?

A.—No. Seniority is merely one of the qualifications which are taken into consideration in making the appointment.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know if the claims of a senior was not superseded by the appointment of Mr. Morris some time ago ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ I want notice.”

Dr. Parnell's work in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

388 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether Dr. Parnell does any teaching work in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, and, if so, the classes he takes and the number of hours in a week he devotes to teaching them ?

A.—Mr. Parnell is a Research Officer and does no teaching work except for occasional lectures on plant breeding which do not however form part of any regular course.

Co-operative Societies.

Appointment of Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

389 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) the names of Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies appointed during the last two years of the last Legislative Council, their last appointments with their pay, their qualifications, caste and their permanent lien, if any, in Government service ;

(2) the number of Chief Inspectors qualified for such posts under examination rules who have experience as Chief Inspectors for at least five years ;

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(3) whether the hon. the Minister for Development will be prepared to formulate a scheme of Co-operative Service consisting of two grades (i) Superior service for district charges and (ii) Subordinate service for inspection and auditing ;

(4) whether the training now given to Assistant Registrars and Inspectors cannot be suitably modified by establishing a co-operative institute for training such men similar to the system obtaining in Bombay ; and

(5) whether in the selection of such men he will be prepared to encourage men with diplomas in commerce, agriculture and economics ?

A.—(1) A statement giving the information asked for is appended.*

(2) There are seven Chief inspectors with five years' service as such ; but no qualifications under the examination rules have been prescribed for appointment as Assistant Registrar.

(3) The Government see no necessity for the proposed alteration in the existing organization of the department.

(4) The Government do not consider that the establishment of a co-operative institute in Madras is feasible at present.

(5) The Government are always prepared to encourage such men provided they are suitable in other respects.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ May I know with reference to the answer given to clause (2) whether it does not leave the door open to patronage ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ It is a matter of opinion. If the hon. Member wants any information, he can ask a supplementary question and not otherwise.”

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“ In view of the fact that till lately the assistant registrars of co-operative societies were recruited from the cadre of deputy collectors, may I know what are the rules prescribed with regard to their appointment ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ This is an important matter and I want to investigate into it before I can answer. I want notice.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ In the appendix given at page 72, it is shown that people have been taken from clerical and lower cadres. I wish to know what are the special qualifications they are required for the place ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ If he wishes me to give him information on matters of such magnitude, I require time to collect the information.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Is it a fact that there has been a scheme formulated already about the department some time back ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ I am not aware of it.”